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SUBJ: U.S. FIRM AWARDED SHARJAH PORT MANAGEMENT

GOVERNMENT OF SHARJAH HAS AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT OF DEEP WATER PORTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT SHARJAH TOWN AND KHOR FAKKAN TO THE U.S. FIRM OF SEATRAN LINES, INC. VALUE OF CONTRACT WAS NOT DISCLOSED BUT CONTRACT TO COVER COST OF OPERATION PLUS AN INCENTIVE FOR PROFITS.

SEATRAN WILL BEGIN WORK THIS SUMMER WHEN FIRST TWO BERTHS OF SHARJAH'S SIX- BERTH PORT BEGIN OPERATION. THE KHOR FAKKAN PORT, DESIGNED BY HALCROW MIDDLE EAST (U.K.) WILL SOON BE AWARDED EITHER TO ARCHIRODON (GREECE) OR KHAN-SAHEB (U.A.E) COMPLETION IS SCHEDULED FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS.

SHARJAH'S NEW PORTS WILL EMPHASIZE CONTAINER-HANDLING FACILITIES. ACCORDING TO PLANS, KHOR FAKKAN WILL BE A SPECIALIZED CONTAINER PORT CAPABLE OF HANDLING LARGEST CONTAINER SHIPS UP TO 800 FEET LONG REQUIRING 40-FT.

DRAFT. SHARJAH WILL ALSO HANDLE CONTAINERS BEGINNING

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THIS SUMMER, ALTHOUGH LIMITED TO SHIPS NO LONGER

THAN 400 FEET.

KHOR FAKKAN NOW CONNECTED TO REST OF UAE BY ALL-WEATHER ROAD NETWORK, WHICH IS BEING WIDENED AND IMPROVED AT MANY NETWORK, WHICH IS BEING WIDENED AND IMPROVED AT MANY PLACES. BY 1980, COMPLETION OF ABU DHABI QATAR ROAD WILL GIVE DIRECT SURFACE ACCESS FROM KHOR FAKKAN TO ALL STATES OF PERSIAN GULF. SHARJAH ALSO HOPES TO ATTRACT SHIPPING TO KHOR FAKKAN BECAUSE OF SAVING OF TWO OR THREE DAYS SAILING TO THE OTHER UAE PORTS, WHICH IN CASE OF LARGEST CONTAINER SHIPS MEANS SAVING OF ABOUT DOLLAR 100,000 IN TRANSIT FEES. DEPENDING ON TRUCKING COSTS, SAVINGS TO OTHER GULF PORTS COULD BE EVEN GREATER.

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